

Corporate Partnerships:

The University has the potential to work with corporations to create educational programming for their employees. These may be anything from training workshops, professional development, demonstrations, and certificates to full degree programs.

SIUE currently partners with 7 different health systems in the metro area and beyond to deliver RN to BS in Nursing and Masters in Nursing programs. The University also partners with BJC Healthcare to provide a Masters in Healthcare Informatics and with Boeing to provide training to employees. In the past, the University has worked with various employers to offer MBA programs on site.

<https://www.siue.edu/corporate/>

Degree Completion Programs and Programs for Working Adults:

SIUE has a fully online degree completion program in Integrative Studies, an innovative program that focuses on leadership in organizations geared toward working adults (<https://www.siue.edu/news/2017/08/SIUE-OnlineDegreeCompletion-IntegrativeStudies.shtml>). The university has additional fully online programs at the Masters level for working adults as well as evening programs for adults interested in face-to-face coursework. More information about online programs and courses may be found at: <http://www.siue.edu/online/>. Additionally, the University works with working adult students to offer credit for prior learning. This may include credit for learning through employee participation in qualifying training offered through corporate training programs. With the Integrative Studies degree, the University is able to be nimble to pull together focus areas that meet current and future needs for employers (<http://www.siue.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/integrative-studies/>). The University is always working to make sure that we are offering the best portfolio of programs to prepare our students for the future.

Noncredit Programming currently offered and planned:

In addition to degree and certificate programs, the University works to meet regional needs by offering noncredit programming. Some examples of recent noncredit offerings for workforce training include: HVAC training, Executive and Continuing Education in Business, and concrete testing. Additionally, the University offers programs for lifelong learning including piano and language lessons, summer camps for elementary through high school students, and fermentation workshops for hobbyists.

University and Community Engagement:

The University has recently developed the SIUE Successful Communities Collaborative (<http://www.siue.edu/successful-communities/>) to support partnerships between the University and Communities in Illinois to advance local resilience and sustainability based on community-identified environmental, social and economic issues and needs. The focus of this program is to connect communities with the students and faculty of SIUE to help student gain real-world experience and to help the community partner meet a need. This year, the University is working with Godfrey, IL (Cool Cities Initiative) to bring a robust recycling program to Godfrey and is working with Highland, IL to advance community awareness of the opioid epidemic, to develop a collaborative community for aging in place, to improve marketing of the city, and to work on history and mapping of the city.

The SIUE East St. Louis Center has multiple programs that are important in the Metro-East <https://www.siu.edu/eslc/>. Some of these include: Head Start Programming, Upward Bound, Project Success, and the Center for Performing Arts. SIUE is working to further grow opportunities through this center by working to create degree completion programs and support services at the East St. Louis Higher Education Center.

The SIUE Experience program for all new freshmen at SIUE includes a community service project the first weekend on campus.

Multiple courses and programs work to incorporate real-world experiences and service into the classroom. Last year, more than 4,000 students participated in a service learning opportunity. Representatives from employers are active participants on multiple advisory boards and committees to the University and University employees likewise are members of community boards and committees. Faculty members also partner with regional employers on research projects and needs.

More information may be found at: <https://www.siu.edu/educationaloutreach/>.